

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1546 – SB 1608

February 6, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Expands the grounds for termination of parental or guardianship rights to include a parent being convicted of or found civilly liable for attempting to cause the intentional and wrongful death of the child's other parent or guardian. Permits the non-offending parent to file a petition to terminate the parental rights of parent attempting the intentional and wrongful death.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012760): Deletes and replaces all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive changes to the legislation are: (1) to establish that a parent being found civilly liable for attempting to cause the intentional and wrongful death of the child's other parent or legal guardian shall not be included in the proposed expansion of the grounds for termination of parental or guardianship rights; and (2) to clarify that the non-offending parent or legal guardian is permitted to file a petition to terminate parental rights and not just a parent as proposed by the original bill.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- There will be no fiscal impact on the operations of the Department of Children's Services.
- Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, any increase in the number of petitions filed would be absorbed within existing judicial resources.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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